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BRIEFS

BUSH NAMES ARTHUR FLETCHER TO HEAD CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush selected Arthur A. Fletcher to be chairman of the Civil Rights Commission on Friday and Bush's spokesman said his first assignment would be to reinvigorate the embattled panel.

"We think they can do a better job," said White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

Fletcher, 65, is a Republican moderate who runs a consulting business in Washington. An early black supporter of Bush's, he has served in three previous GOP administrations.

DINKINS SAYS NATION NEEDS CULTURAL STUDIES FOR RACIAL HARMONY

NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor David Dinkins said Wednesday that the nation's racial, ethnic and religious groups should study each other's history and culture to achieve racial harmony.

"Such familiarity leads to the recognition that the content of our character is far more important than the color of our skin," Dinkins said.

The city's first black mayor spoke at a luncheon observance of African-American History Month by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Brooklyn Development Association.

JURY REJECTS CLAIM STEVIE WONDER STOLE SONG

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Pop star Stevie Wonder was delighted with a federal court jury's ruling that he did not steal his Oscar-winning 1984 song "I Just Called to Say I Love You" from another songwriter.

A jury on Thursday rejected a \$25 million claim that the song, part of the "Woman in Red" soundtrack, was an imitation of a song plaintiff Lloyd Chate wrote, titled, "I Just Called To Say."

"God is good. I knew the truth all along," Wonder told a crush of reporters outside the U.S. District Courthouse.

Payne: Bush, Reagan responsible for black youth plight

WASHINGTON—Teeth District Congressman Donald Payne said yesterday that the failure of the Reagan and Bush administrations to address the problems of the inner cities has helped contribute to the deteriorating status of black men in the United States.

In a televised appearance with the Marc Maurer, author of a newly released study estimating that one of every four young black men in the United States is in prison or on parole or probation, Payne said that the loss of funding for housing, education, and job training programs has "taken away alternatives and diminished future opportunities" for inner city youth.

Payne noted that progress could be made in stemming the tide of drug-related crime if treatment were available for all those seeking help. "Young people trying to overcome drug addiction are turned away because of long waiting lists," Payne said.

"Surely it makes more sense to provide treatment on request than to keep building more jails to warehouse young offenders."

Payne, who serves on the House Government Operations Committee, said he supports efforts by Committee Chairman John Conyers to have the General Accounting Office conduct a more detailed study about the disproportionate number of incarcerated and court-supervised black men.

"Something is drastically wrong with our society when we have more young black men in jail than in college," Payne said, referring to the study's estimate that there are 609,690 youth who are incarcerated or on probation or parole compared with 436,000 enrolled in college.

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Production winds down at Campbell's oldest plant

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)—The site where Joseph Campbell spawned a food products revolution has stopped canning soup for the first time in 121 years.

In two weeks, production will grind to a halt at Campbell Soup Co.'s oldest manufacturing plant, marking another significant step in the company's march toward modernity.

For this economically strapped city across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, the closing of a plant that employs 1,000 workers ushers in an uneasy time in its crucial revitalization efforts. There are concerns that Campbell might abandon plans for a new headquarters building here, as well as doubts

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Thirty to be inducted into Black History Hall of Fame

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Thirty people will be inducted into the Louisiana Black History Hall of Fame in June, the group announced Friday.

"The Hall of Fame will showcase men and women who have utilized their faith, determination and talent to succeed despite the barriers and obstacles of slavery, poverty, prejudice and discrimination," said Brenda Sterling, president of the non-profit Hall of Fame.

Southern University will temporarily house the Hall of Fame in the John B. Cade Library in Baton Rouge until a permanent location is found, she said.

Sterling said the newly formed organization also plans to promote literacy and education and establish a business-sponsored program to send black students to college.

Among those to be inducted this summer are:

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Sixteen year old becomes Mayor

Mayor Sharpe James relinquished his title on February 8, 1990 when Felix Rouse, a 16 year old junior at Essex County Vocational and Technical School, became "Mayor for the Day."

Rouse won this honor because of his "great leadership potential and ability to interact with his peers," according to James.

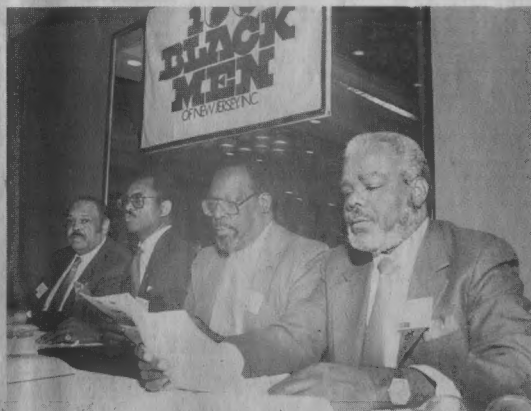
Chosen as the Boy's Club of America's "State Youth of the Year," Rouse went on to become Northeastern Regional Youth of the Year. Competing with youngsters from Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania for the regional title, Rouse won and

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Newark Mayor for a day, Felix Rouse confers with Mayor Sharpe James and Miles Burger, Hotel/Motel Entrepreneur in Newark, during a business meeting

Photo by William Ramos



Discussing the 100 Black Men Agenda for 1990 are panelists Dudley Christie, Larry Hubbard, Bacardi executive, Oliver Lofton, Esq., vice president of 100 Black Men and Dr. William Giles, president of 100 Black Men

Photo by Glen Friseman

100 Black Men set 1990 agenda, plan convention

Recently, the 100 Black Men of America, an organization of Black men in business, industry, public affairs, government, and professions in 10 chapters held

their agenda meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Newark.

"We share a common goal which is to improve the quality of life for Blacks and specifically

young Black males," said Dr. Bill Giles, president of the organization. "It's important that we work for the benefit of the

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Youth learn giving and volunteering through BUF

The Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF) a statewide organization is observing its second year of the Black History Month Appeal (BHMA) fund-raising campaign.

"Our campaign will involve 200,000 participants throughout the state by the end of February," said Lloyd Oxford, president of BUF for New Jersey.

The BHMA campaign is chaired by Robert "Kool" Bell of the award-winning singing group "Kool and the Gang" and his wife Sakina.

Plainfield, Newark and East Orange are three districts participating.

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Judge rules in favor of release of police records

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)—State police have no right to withhold statistics on highway stops and arrests that could show a racial motivation, a judge says.

The ruling had civil rights groups and lawyers claiming

victory Friday in their fight to show racial bias among troopers patrolling the New Jersey Turnpike.

Superior Court Judge George Nicola ruled that Charles Ellis Jones, a black man charged with

cocaine possession, had a legal right to documents that his lawyers say will demonstrate a racial motivation behind his arrest.

However, Nicola did not order the information turned over. A decision on that was left for the next hearing in the 2-year-old case, tentatively scheduled for March 23.

In a two-hour hearing in Mid-Orange County, the judge rejected arguments by attorney general's lawyers that the voluminous state police reports were irrelevant and protected under state law.

Nicola acknowledged arguments by Deputy Attorney General John Fahy that collecting and turning over arrest data would be extremely costly and time-consuming.

But the judge said it was worth it.

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Newark warns of water discoloration in eastern portion of city

Newark Engineering Director Alvin L. Zach has announced that residents of the City's East Ward, and a portion of the North Ward, may find their water discolored for about 10 days due to piping changes during expansion of the Wanakee Water Filtration Plant.

Beginning March 5, it will be necessary for the Newark Division of Water/Sewer Utility to bypass the existing filtration plant to allow piping changes to be made. According to Newark Engineering Director Alvin L. Zach:

"The change in route of the water flow will disturb rust inside the pipes and cause periods of water discoloration. While the water may be aesthetically displeasing during this time, I want to assure residents that the water is safe for human consumption."

The affected area is bounded by the Newark-Elizabeth border, Elizabeth Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Summer Avenue, the Newark-Belleville border and Newark Bay.

CITY PEOPLE



Newark City government paused during one of its recent municipal Council meetings to pay homage to jazz great Ernestine Anderson who was in Newark for WBO's 3rd annual "Singers Unlimited" Valentine's Day Brunch.

Councilman Ralph T. Grant, Jr., the sponsor of this action, presented Ms. Anderson with a resolution from the Municipal Council, citing her for "exemplary and noteworthy contributions to the improvisation of modern jazz". In making his presentation, the Councilman also bestowed upon the nationally acclaimed jazz vocalist, Newark's "distinguished medal of honor, noting that" it is not often that we have in our presence someone who has made such a distinct mark on the musical and cultural fiber of our people." Grant, who was joined by his colleagues on the Municipal Councilman, indicated that Ernestine Anderson "is a native of Houston, Texas and has for years been an inspiration to aspiring jazz impresarios."



The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and the Commonwealth Dental Society held their annual awards ceremony. Honorees were (left to right) Newark Councilman Donald Tucker, EPC International Vice President Althea Giles, Dr. Leroy Williams and Cornell Adams, dental appliance maker.

Photo by Glen Frieson



East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper and his wife, Sandy, hosted the Mayor's Ball at the Sheraton Meadowlands and visited with Philip Thigpen, Essex County Director of Planning and Development and former Essex Freeholder.

Photo by Glen Frieson



Mayor Cardell Cooper talks with Phil Keegan, State Chairman of Democratic Party during the ball.

Photo by Glen Frieson



Celebrating his 54th birthday with more than 400 persons, Mayor Sharpe James chats with State Senator Wynona Lipman (left) and County Register Larrie Stalks.

Photo by Glen Frieson



Dancer "Debbie Danger" was truly dangerous winning first place for best costume at the Mayor's birthday party/Mardi Gras celebration.

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Leroy C. Dasher, retired principal of Madison Avenue School, was greeted with a standing ovation from his former students at the dedication of the Media Center in his honor at the school.

Photo by Glen Frieson

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 21

Essex County College-Crossroads Theatre Company presents "Zora" by Lawrence Holder 7:00 p.m. Mary B. Burch Theatre Info: 877-3208.

February 22

Plainfield Business Association meeting at Plainfield High School. Marcus Dasher, Executive Director-Dept. of Economic Development. Info: 755-1133/756-0110.

February 23

The students of Park Middle School in Scotch Plains will perform Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" at the Jerseyland Park Community Center, 783 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. 7 p.m. Admission is free.

February 24

The Newark Museum-Family Film Program, "Green Pastures" 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Billy Johnson Auditorium, 53 Washington Street. Call 596-6550.

Ensemble Theatre Company presents "The Black Teller" by Richard Wesley, at Newark Symphony Hall Studio Theatre, 1020 Broad Street, 3 and 8 p.m. Call 548-0569.

Harambie Theatre Company-Pay: "Footprints in Time" 12 noon & 7:30 p.m. Essex County College. Info: 877-3208.

February 25

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart presents the Cathedral Symphony Orchestra in concert at Clifton and Park Avenue, 3 p.m. Admissions: \$5, \$10 and \$20. Call 494-4600.

New Jersey State Opera presents opening night of "Madam Butterfly," at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street. Admissions: \$10 - \$60. Call 623-5775.

Newark Division Chapter of African-American Postal League for Success (A-Plus), first honorary award presentation, "Strategies and Tactics for the 90's" for all postal employees and invited guest in Hillside. 4 p.m. Call 964-6645.

February 26

Essex County College-African American History Month Committee presents Atallah Shabazz, 1 p.m. Mary B. Burch Theatre, 303 University Avenue. Info: 877-3208.

The Board of Education/School Community Relations Committee meeting will be held at Clifton School in Plainfield. 7 p.m.

The Honorable Harold W. Mitchell, Mayor of Plainfield, invites all senior citizens to attend a Black History Month Observance, at 1 p.m. at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center, 305 East Front Street. Guest Speaker is Dr.

Share your social events with us. We can help you tell your friends and neighbors what your organization has been doing.

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Leonard Bethel, professor of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and Minister of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Plainfield. Call 753-3506.

College of Saint Elizabeth. Actress Schylene Qualls will present a one-woman presentation, "The Last Word" which the concluding event of Black History Month at the college. 7 p.m. Call 292-6322.

February 27

Rutgers University-Newark presents "African Studies Lecture Series." The speaker will be Dr. Abiola Irele, from Ohio State University, Afro-American and African Studies Department. Topic: "The Harlem Renaissance: Negritude Movement."

The Board of Education/Policy Committee meeting will meet at the Plainfield High School Conference room. 7 p.m.

February 28

Student National Medical Association (SNMA) presents Dr. Ivan Van Serima, Author, Anthropologist, Linguist, "Blacks in the Sciences: Particularly Medicine" Banquet and Jazz quartet Info: 456-5431

February-April

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100 Black Men set 1990 agenda (Continued from page 1)

young Black male, to help him achieve academic excellence; to help him stay away from drugs; to help him overcome obstacles; to help him eliminate teenage pregnancy; to help him eradicate violence in our communities."

The organization discussed their upcoming event at the National Convention. The theme, "The '90s Challenge: Why is Molding the Young Black Male Important?" will be of importance since the organization indicates, a crisis exists in America's Black communities: drugs, unemployment, homelessness, health concerns, and the lack of education.

The convention is set for June 28 through July 1, 1990 at the Radisson Hotel in Newark.

Over 500 national organization representatives, legislators, business owners, corporate executives and young adults are

expected to attend the conference.

"We are particularly proud of being the only area (New York City and Northern New Jersey combined) in the country to have five Black Congressional representatives," said Giles.

Congressional speakers Floyd H. Flake, Donald M. Payne, Charles B. Rangel, Major R. Owens and Edolphus Towns will speak at the opening luncheon on Friday, June 29.

The speakers for the roundtable discussions concerning drugs, health/urban affairs, education, labor and economic development are: Charles B. Rangel, Edolphus Towns, Major R. Owens, Donald M. Payne and Floyd H. Flake.

The Honorable Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services, will be the keynote speaker of the program.

A special seminar on "Chapier

Mentoring Programs" is scheduled for Saturday, June 30.

Some other programs and events discussed at the meeting were: The 100 Black Men of New Jersey, Inc./Rampage College Mentoring Partnership Program, the Newark Elementary Track Festival and the Elementary Debating Team.

The Partnership Program enables the organization of New Jersey to assist in providing a supportive learning environment for cultivating minority inner city students for college.

This ambitious and exciting project involves a partnership that has been established between our organizations, Rampage College and a local secondary school, Newark's West Side High School, to implement a vitally needed mentoring outreach effort," said Giles.

The Track Festival involves 2,000 elementary school male and

(female) athletes with the opportunity to experience the thrills and excitement of competition in track.

The Debating Team is sponsored in conjunction with the Newark Board of Education. City wide debates are conducted to improve the communication skills, research and cognitive reasoning abilities among elementary students.

The convention will involve networking with corporate representatives, business owners and other chapter members.

"Our aim is to give something back to our communities," said Giles.

Get Busy!



James Spellman, commissioner of the Newark Board of Adjustment, Langston Hanley, attorney, Louis Childress, attorney, and Ernest Booker, East Orange Municipal Judge.

Photo by Glen Frieson



John Smith, PSE&G manager, Bill Wimberly, president Newark YMCA, and Russell Murray, manager, Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Photo by Glen Frieson

Thomas Henderson, director Economic Development City of Orange, Roger Monel, aide to Orange mayor and Robert Bowser, director of Public Works, City of East Orange.

Photo by Glen Frieson



President William Giles, James Felton, chairman Ebony Industries and Henry I. De Geneste, Port Authority. Photo by Glen Frieson

Production winds down

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about the company's ability to remain independent.

To Campbell's officials, the plant's end was long overdue.

"It's like any other industry—if you're doing anything like you were 50 years ago, you're out of date," said company spokesman James Moran. "It's just a plant whose time has come. No amount of money would make it competitive."

Workers at the plant still load ingredients onto an elevator and transport them to different floors. Renovation would have cost millions but still would not have brought the facility up to par with Campbell's modern, one-floor production plants elsewhere, officials said.

The closing is part of a worldwide restructuring Campbell announced last August that will eliminate 2,800 jobs as well as plants in Maryland and Tennessee. The reorganization is expected to save the company about \$15 million during fiscal 1990 and about \$150 million over the next four years.

Negotiations on severance agreements are continuing in Camden. Production from the plant will be taken up by plants in Napoleon, Ohio; Paris, Texas and Maxton, N.C.

Many of the blue-collar employees at the downtown plant have worked there most of their lives.

"Most of these people assumed they would be here for a while," said Alvin Still, president of Local 80 of the United Food and Commercial Workers, which represents about 640 of the hourly employees in the plant.

Still, who has worked at the plant for more than 40 years, said an estimated 230 employees will qualify for a pension plan. The future is uncertain for the others, he said.

"We don't want to leave this company with our heads between our legs," Still said. "We want to walk straight with dignity."

There will be no fanfare when the last can rolls off the production line at the site where icebox maker Abram Anderson and fruit merchant Joseph Campbell began canning vegetables, jellies and mincemeat in 1869.

The original building was replaced by a brick facility in 1896, and the first condensed soups began production the following year.

"The symbolism is already over," said Moran. "The plant is winding down."

During its heyday, the eight-story plant produced 10 million cans of red and white labeled soup varieties daily in the 1970s. Recent, output has averaged about 1 million cans a day of Prego spaghetti sauce, Franco-American pasta and beans.

Campbell has been a mainstay in this economically depressed city of 85,000, with its four huge soup cans prominent on the skyline.

Campbell officials maintain the headquarters will remain here. Plans are underway to begin construction this spring of a \$35 million, 200,000-foot international headquarters on the city's waterfront.

Nevertheless, David Johnson, who became the first outsider to head the company when he took over as president in January, met last week with Gov. Jim Florio and said plans for the new headquarters remain under review.

The possibility that Campbell will back out concerns lawmakers. The headquarters is considered vital to a \$500 million waterfront project that includes a \$42 million state aquarium.

"You would lose that symbolic stability that a company like Campbell brings," said Mayor Aaron A. Thompson. "It will be a slowdown for the redevelopment."

Johnson was hired to help change Campbell's image as an industry laggard, slow to update facilities and products. The company's dominance in the retail soup market has dropped in recent years and Campbell has had trouble in the fast-growing dry soup market.

For years, John T. Dorman Jr., the son of the chemist-turned-entrepreneur who invented condensed soup in 1897, was reluctant to close plants or lay off workers.

Since his death last April, the company has undergone massive changes, including a split in the founder's family that has fueled speculation that about a possible sale of the company.

Campbell's fiscal 1989 earnings totaled \$13 million, or 10 cents a share, down sharply from a profit of \$274.1 million, or \$2.12 a share, the previous year. The August restructuring reduced profits by \$343 million.

On the Money

Herman Valentine Revitalizes His Computer Empire: "After determination to win and being totally committed to my beliefs" are the two factors to which Herman Valentine, owner and president of the nation's eighth largest, black-owned firm—Systems Management American, credits his success. "I have a tenuous appetite to be successful and it drives me very hard," said the 54-year-old Norfolk native, whose bottom line revenues were upwards of \$50 million last year. However, the factor that may have most impacted both Valentine and SMA was that "I was too trusting. I think that's a very dangerous trait for a small business person, says Valentine. And he should know. In 1987, he lost a \$111 million dollar contract when federal investigators targeted SMA in the probe of a kickback scheme involving several employees and outside contractors. During the probe, SMA laid off hundreds of employees and drastically cut funds, including some community programs. The ordeal, which lasted one and a half years turned up kickbacks of \$70,000 by some of Valentine's upper-level employees. Today, his number one priority is "trying to make sure that SMA grows and remains a viable company in view of what's going on in the defense industry today—the major cuts in the defense budget." In so doing, Valentine is moving more toward the public sector, and emphasizing the development of product over labor intensity. "We're going through a transitional period," says Valentine, who expects revenues to soar dramatically with the introduction of an SMA-developed computer system. The systems, that are priced around \$5,000 are being manufactured and marketed for both government and commercial application, and are expected to move SMA to a higher level of high tech.

NAACP's Detroit Chapter files lawsuit against Automobile Association of America: Atty Melvin Hollywell, chairman of the Auto Insurance Task Force of the Detroit chapter, has recently charged that rates for blacks range from 50 to 150 percent higher than that of whites. Hollywell, who has sutured clear of the issue of racism, maintains "we've said the rates are irrational and disproportionate to black drivers, but saying race was a factor would be an extremely far conclusion." In fact, the annual rate for inner-city Detroit blacks averaged \$1,800 as compared to \$900 for their predominantly white Dearborn counterparts. Winning could mean millions in rebates as well as national impact.

The Census—Great sources of information for small business owners: Looking to start a business or want to know whether or not it's feasible to expand. While the Census is often overlooked, it can be an excellent demographic source for small businesses, providing an accurate accounting of where people live (and in what quantity), how much they make, and what their lifestyles are. It is perhaps most helpful in determining the best location sites, as well planning new services or expansion. Information is available for purchase directly from the Census Bureau. Printed summary reports in a variety of forms run anywhere from \$29 to \$50. In Short: Federal regulators have extended special financing to help failed minority-owned firms in the hands of minority business people. In so doing, the government-managed Resolution Trust Corporation, is offering loans to anyone. The first \$1.5 million for sale are Community Federal Savings in Newport News, VA; State Mutual Federal Savings & Loan in Jackson, MS; and People's Savings & Loan in Hampton, Va.. The top rent districts in the U.S. are in mid-Manhattan (with number one being East 57th Street in New York, with an average rent of \$550 per square foot), and Beverly Hills, where rents on its exclusive Rodeo Drive average \$275 per square foot.

Youth learn giving and volunteering

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icipating in the educational component, which includes 150,000 children. "The Superintendents of the school districts were very courageous in opening their schools to us," said Oxford.

"The campaign is operating quite nicely," said Dr. Annette Kearney, superintendent of schools for Plainfield. "The elementary school principals took the campaign quite seriously, by having faculty meetings to discuss their fundraising plans and volunteering within the community. When you learn volunteering as a child, it becomes easier after growing into adulthood. Volunteering is a way of giving back to the community, she added."

"We have asked all the public schools in Newark for donations and it is going quite well," said Dr. Jack Duggan, director of school operations.

The campaign of the East Orange school system has been extended in the first week of March, according to Carmen Resairo, administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools. "Student organizations in all the public schools are involved with various activities for the campaign," said Resairo.

The educational component is chaired by educators James and Justine Harris of Montclair State College. Justine Harris, instructor of reading, said they have presented an educational package which includes graphic charts stressing "critical thinking skills" for pre-school to the twelfth grade. "The package has been implemented in the Plainfield and Newark school systems," Harris added.

"We were very happy with the responses from the school superintendents, especially Dr.

Kearney of Plainfield, and Dr. Eugene Campbell of Newark," said James Harris, associate dean of students. "The enthusiasm of the campaign seemed to have spread throughout the school systems."

Some other components in operation were: the BUF Sunday campaign, which included 29 churches in the Morris, Union, Hudson and Essex counties; a \$300,000 piece direct mail campaign, and the BUF Granites canister campaign which included volunteers distributing canisters in the communities.

The students of Evergreen School in Plainfield showed much enthusiasm as participants in the campaign. Claudiana Montford, one of the chairs of the campaign for the school said, they set a goal of \$1,000 for their school. "I know we will make our quota," she said. "So far we have collected a total of \$783.27 school-wide."

The students in Montford's class are presently the top sellers of their school. Her top selling student is Robert Pierson who along with Lamont Bennett had the pleasure of meeting Oxford while campaigning.

"We went to Foodtown on South Avenue in Plainfield and asked for donations of the customers," said Pierson. Pierson's classmate Lamont Bennett said, "We asked Mr. Oxford to donate, and at the time we didn't know who he was."

"Mr. Oxford introduced himself to us and gave us each a donation," said Pierson. "We were so surprised to meet the president of the campaign," he said. "Mrs. Oxford gave us folders and pens from the Black United Fund."

Montford was impressed with Pierson's reasoning as to why he went to Foodtown during the George Washington holiday weekend, "people get paid on Fridays, so they will probably have money."

There were various ways in which the students used to collect contributions said Montford. Antonio Britton said he asked his neighbors, relatives and friends, and Dana McGraw explained to her family, "the donations will be distributed among the less fortunate and the homeless."

Tiesha Jackson was moved by a man who told her of his experiences of being homeless. She said,

"He was happy to see people helping each other out, and that they care."

"Reach out and touch somebody's hand," said Montford, "because they might reach out to give you a hand one day."

Montford said, "The biggest thrust is 'to teach the students to love themselves. We are a family, it doesn't matter what color we are, love is universal.'"



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COMMENTARY

Editorial

Bold Leadership

We commend the 100 Black Men of New Jersey for the BOLD LEADERSHIP they are initiating for the decade of the 90's. The organization through its leadership receptions, fund raising activities for scholarships, support for the Newark public schools' debate program, and the mentoring program with Ramapo College is demonstrating the type of leadership that must begin to prevail as we seek to change the conditions of the urban communities across this state.

President William R. Giles has catapulted the organization into center court, the main arena, for impacting on community affairs in New Jersey by hosting the national conference here. The conference will give New Jersey an opportunity to set a national agenda for how black men must grapple with the challenges before them. We encourage our readers to participate in the conference and contribute to the future of "BUILDING A NEW GENERATION OF BLACK MEN"

We also commend the Black United Fund of New Jersey for the BOLD initiatives it has undertaken for the 90's to help more of the community understand the need to strengthen philanthropic efforts. It is especially important that our children begin to see how their efforts help contribute to the community.

People are raised up not by their suffering but by their determination, not by their hopes, but by their actions. We must build a new generation of men who are determined to succeed and excel. They must value themselves, their families, their community and one another.

The American Presidency

BY COLIN TATEM



When Americans go to the polls to elect a new president, they are not just choosing an American head of state, they are electing an international politician who must take up the mantle of leadership of the free world. As the world's leader, the president is the powerbroker of the socialist world, so must the American president be the leader of the world's democracies. The days when the American president served merely as the national leader of a wealthy and powerful nation are long gone. Today he belongs to the world, not only to the American people who elected him.

The development of the American President as a modern day world leader began when Franklin Delano Roosevelt inherited an almost defeated Britain which stood in the breach during the second world war and held Hitler and his Nazi at bay. Without America's wealth and good-will Great Britain may have gone down in defeat. Harry S. Truman later bombed Japan, changing the face of war. The United States, at the end of World War II, was the wealthiest and most powerful nation on earth.

George Bush, who has been president of the United States for just over a year is seen by the European Community, the Middle East, and for East, as well as the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, as the great hope of the world panned completely around.

A world in which Soviet socialism is on the decline and American values and democracy is in the air. In Eastern Europe one Soviet backed socialist government after the other is falling, giving way to fledgling democracies, while the NATO alliance of Western Europe, greatly influenced by the United States, is stronger than ever.

President Bush, who served as American representative to China is held in high esteem in the Philippines, with a little help from the United States Air Force, in the recent coup attempt. The Middle East is moving closer toward peace than ever before. South Africa, with the release of Nelson Mandela is working toward the end of apartheid and the Caribbean and Latin America, except for Cuba, see a friend and concerned leader in the American president who is taking a strong stand in the war against drug trafficking in the region.

This is a new era of American influence on the world stage. An era when, to be President of the United States, is to be, without question, the Leader of the Free World.

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As I see it...

Commentary by Connie Woodruff



Sharpe James is the most flamboyant mayor Newark has had in decades. He proved it last weekend when he celebrated his 54th at a Mardi Gras-style birthday bash with wall-to-wall people and walk-to-wall music.

The Quality Inn's main hall-room was transformed into a touch of New Orleans by designer Cathy Connors who uses colorful, streamer balloons like a tour de force. The authenticity of the theme were a hundred or so guests dressed in colorful costumes ranging from Bozo the Clown to a Roman Gladiator.

Some of the traditionally gowned guests were made that must have come straight out of New Orleans' French Quarter. Yes, Mayor James wore a costume of a sort in a tuxedo over which he draped a white silk scarf and wore a derby hat, reminiscent of the grandes and musicians who lead Mardi Gras parades for days before settling down for the Lenten season.

The mayor scored another coup over his more conservative city hall colleagues and apparently had a good time doing it. Whether Sharpe was circling the room, joking with revelers or giving the show, guests got the message he was very much the man in charge.

However, for a brief moment, in good political fashion, he introduced city council members, county and state elected officials

and Congressmen Donald Payne, who had come to join the celebration.

In particular, he singled out former Mayor Ken Gibson to join him in presenting Mayor Jessie Ratley of Newport News, Va., with a key to the city. Ratley, a long time friend of both mayors, was the guest of honor and shared a good part of the night with the mayor's wife, Mary, and his mother.

Entertainment was provided by the Gallman Dance Troupe, the Flip City Tumbling Team, Newark Brass Shields Color Guard and the Malcolm X Shabazz High School Marching Band.

The highlight of the night was the appearance of Gregg Stafford, leader of New Orleans' Young Tuxedo Brass Band. A specialist in traditional New Orleans jazz, Stafford delighted the crowd with such favorites as "Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans" and "When the Saints Go Marching In." and other tunes distinct of southern hospitality.

Stafford, a sixth grade New Orleans teacher, and his comet travel from Asia to Europe and Africa during summer vacation. This year, he and the Young Tuxedo Brass Band, well-seasoned musicians will be touring in Russia.

Meantime, Gregg and company was treated to a taste of New Orleans hospitality by guests of Big Jim Felton at his Terminal D restaurant and niteroy on Frelinghuysen Avenue. Later when he had breakfast at "Mr. J's" at Halley and William Street.

That Newark's downtown cookin' ain't half bad. The birthday party is one of Mayor James' annual fundraisers that will be used this year for his re-election campaign.

Meantime in the same hotel

and at the same time, Councilman-at-large Donald Tucker held the first of his re-election campaign rallies and despite Mayor James' glittering competition, more than 300 guests turned up for the affair.

According to a Tucker spokesman, the difference was a matter of money. Guests paid \$500 a ticket for the Mardi Gras that provided a variety of foods and an open bar. Tucker's shindig was free.

At any rate, everybody at both affairs were satisfied with their choice and a good time was had by all.

Len Coleman, former Commissioner of Energy and Community Affairs keeps moving on to bigger and better involvement.

He was recently elected to the board of directors of Beneficial Corp. effective immediately.

Fortunately his vice presidency in the investment banking department of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc., allows him the flexibility to be involved in programs geared toward youth and community.

He is adviser to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, the Newark Museum and the Episcopal Divinity School.

Currently he chairs the Bishop Tutu Scholarship Fund in New Jersey, president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark and N.J. Chairman of President Bush's Council of Light Initiative.

During his missionary assignment for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States in Africa from 1976 to 1980, his focus was on health care, education and church and community development in 17 African countries. He formerly chaired the board of trustees of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

The numbers of Newarkers interested in challenging the incumbent city council members is growing by the hour, or so it seems.

Newark Teachers Union president, Carole Graves, says she is definitely a candidate for one of the four at-large seats and has selected Danny Williams, a board member of Local 68-A Operating Engineers, to run her campaign.

Williams, a popular activist in the state trade union movement and retired county engineer, is expected to organize overwhelming support behind Graves, a union labor leader who commands respect and loyalty from colleagues inside and outside the teachers' union.

A brand new name is about to surface in Newark politics and she is Brenda Roberson, founder, director of "Heartbeat for Better Living" located at 255 Avon Avenue.

Roberson is about to announce her candidacy for the South Ward in opposition to incumbent Donald Bradley.

Several council seats in Plainfield will also be up for grabs this season. The first to announce for re-election is Elizabeth (Liz) Urquhart and she will make it official Saturday, March 17 at a Champagne Brunch at the Oak Restaurant on East 2nd Street. Brunch and the bubbly will be served with plenty of political bobbing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Joan Haberle, New Jersey's new Secretary of State will be welcomed and introduced at a cocktail reception Thursday, March 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pines Manor in Edison.

Mandela: What little breath we have left

by Sandra West

Watching Nelson Mandela's release from prison was like witnessing a highly charged, dramatized, made-for-television reenactment of a plantation procession following the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Another Black man set out to bondage. Like a cow to penstock pasture. As our forefathers were in 1863. As with our forefathers, Mandela is all free to cry freedom. He is not free to taste it, digest it, or imbue political or economic strength from his nutrients.

After the Emancipation Proclamation was signed on 01 January 1863, de-coffed Africans in America were freed men without citizenry. He had no rights a white man need respect. The old code was many many plantations away. The African soon became traumatized by this system called freedom; a freedom which burned his shackles he dared resist. He was lynched and if he walked on the wide side of the road. Clearly, his existence was an ill omen.

In 1950 South Africa, as in 1863 North America, Mandela was offered the illusion of freedom. And so it was and is for Africans throughout the diaspora.

Nelson Mandela, as the symbol of Black South Africa, can neither register nor use a vote. He cannot reside where he wishes. He cannot purchase property. And, as under 1950s American apartheid, public accommodations in South Africa are separate and unequal.

Inasmuch as a white man has never, in the history of the world, freed a Black man on any grounds other than economic or, for the matter, freed a fellow white man as in the case of a bankrupt West Germany and the fall of the Berlin wall we must keep our eyes on our prize. Continue to rally for economic divestment against South Africa. Give our dollars freely to the African National Congress (ANC). All of our very lives depend upon this elevated level of commitment.

On 11 February 1990, as African-Americans celebrated Black History Month, Nelson Mandela was freed to a larger prison yard. He is testimony to our stilled existence white and abroad. An icon, if you will, of Emmett Till, Yusuf Hawkins, Medgar Evers, the four little girls blasted off their praying Sunday

School knees in Birmingham, the children of Soweto, and over 6-million victims of this everlasting holocaust.

Neither Mandela nor African-Americans are free from oppression or restraint. We cannot afford this illusion of freedom to choke what little breath we have left. We must not.

As we re-play Mandela's physical release from solitary confinement, and as we gather in

our churches and schools to collectively weep at the loss of his youth, the timbre of his voice, and the resilience of his gait, we must arch our backs for the struggle ahead. There is much to be done in too little time.

Looking back at Malcolm X

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

On Sunday, February 21, 1965, El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, most widely known as Brother Malcolm X, was assassinated in New York City at the Audubon Ballroom. As we observe the 25th anniversary of the death of one of our greatest leaders, we need to take time to think about the principles and ideas he espoused. Brother Malcolm X, for spoke about and ultimately died for.

Malcolm X believed and taught us as African Americans, that we must see ourselves not as isolated group here in America, but as part of an international community of people of color who represent the majority of the world's population. He encouraged us to identify our struggle, not just as a struggle for "civil rights" but one for "human rights and freedoms which should be entitled to all people.

Malcolm connected our struggle to the international struggle to the international struggle which was taking place all over the world, to end imperialism, neo-colonialism, and racism. He made us feel connected, in a way that no one else had since Marcus Garvey, to our brothers and sisters in Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Of course, this is what the government feared the most about Brother Malcolm X. After spending over 400 years of brainwashing us, making us believe that we had no history, culture, identity - roots - other than being the white man's slave, they simply could not stand to have this Black man, who emanated pride, dignity, courage and hope to our people, going around the country and the world, informing and educating people about the struggles of African-American people here in the United States, and how we were fighting the same forces of oppression. A close look at an excerpt from one of Malcolm's speeches on the international power structure highlights my points:

"I might point out here that colonialism or imperialism, as the slave system of the west is called,

is not something that is just confined to England or France or the United States. The interests in this country are in cahoots with the interests in France and the interests in Britain. It's one huge complex or combine, and it creates what's known as the American power structure or the French power structure, but the international power structure. This international power structure is used to suppress the masses of dark-skinned people all over the world and exploit them of their natural resources. The newly awakened people all over the world pose a problem for what is known as Western interests, which is imperialism, colonialism, racism and all these other negative racist or racist ideas."

As we reflect back on Brother Malcolm X's words, it is very easy to understand why the powers that be, wanted his voice to be silenced. If you in fact go back and read some of Malcolm's speeches, you will see that his message is just as relevant and timely today, as it was over 25 years ago. It is very interesting to note, that among our

young people, Malcolm X name is constantly mentioned in the rap lyrics of many groups, especially Public Enemy. They seem to admire and respect his call for self-determination, self-pride and self-defense.

When Ossie Davis delivered the eulogy to Malcolm X, he called him a Black star, a Black shining Prince who didn't hesitate to die, because he loved us so. While we commemorate the 25th anniversary of his loss to us, it gives us an opportunity to turn this loss into a celebration of hope and promise. We need to make a commitment and promise to work within our community to build and establish our own businesses and schools, because only when we begin to take control of these institutions can we really begin to effect positive change. While we can have programs to remember and honor our slain heroes, it is important that we do this, we pay the highest respect to those who fought and died for us. Brother Malcolm X left us a legacy of struggle - we must continue to fight for these ideas.

Quote of the Week

If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand.

Frederick Douglass

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RELIGION

Newark League hosts African-American History Obeance



The National Conference of Christians and Jews-New Jersey Region hosted their annual Brotherhood Breakfast at the 744 Club in Newark. Posters were on display from the Brotherhood Poster Contest. Looking over the winning designs are (left to right) Archbishop McCarrick, Franotte A. Washington, director of art education-Newark Public Schools; Nick Amato, Essex County Executive and Robert Freda, program director, NCCJ. This poster won first prize in group II and was created by Robed Dessources of Central High.

Photo by Glen Frieson

Despite last Sunday's bitter chill, an appreciative crowd packed the Newark Library Auditorium to attend the first African-American History Obeance sponsored by the League of Women Voters-Newark.

Coordinator and emcee for the program, supported in part by the N.J. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission, was radio personality and talk show hostess, Miss Bernice Bass.

Black Newark and its contributions to the growth and progress of the city was the focal point along with reminiscence about Dr. King. Speakers included Congressman Donald Payne, State Senator Wynona Lipman, Mayor Sharpe James, Essex County Sheriff Tom D'Alesio and Freeholders Joseph Parlevocchio and Delores Battle. Program participants included former Assemblyman Ronald

Owens, who introduced the bill to establish the King Holiday in New Jersey, Connie Woodruff, cochair, MLK Commemorative Commission and Rev. James Howard, pastor Pentecostal Church of Christ.

Poetic tributes to King were the original works of Dr. Alma Flagg of Newark, Mrs. Betty Neale of East Orange and the city's poet laureate, Larry Pendleton. Former Montclair councilwoman Bobbie Reilly, who has returned to her profession as an actress, made a special guest appearance.

Musical interludes of spirituals and gospel were offered by Evelyn Greene of Rutgers Newark and president, Metro Chapter, National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc., Mrs. Mattie Moultrie Wilson and members from the cast of "Tambourines to Glory" and Kenneth G. Brown, a

choir director and instructor of Music in the NY Public School system.

Moultrie-Wilson, president of Delene Productions and veteran of numerous off-Broadway musicals, will direct the Symphony Hall presentation of "Tambourines to Glory" in Newark, April 7th.

Dorothea Lee, member League team, was Program chairwoman.

Morehouse Glee Club to perform in Plainfield

The nationally acclaimed Morehouse College Glee Club will appear at United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield at 8:00 P.M., Friday, March 16, 1990. The evening's program will include contemporary as well as traditional selections. Tickets are \$10.00 if purchased in advance or \$12.00 at the door. Proceeds from the event will benefit scholarships for Greater Plainfield area students.

The Morehouse College Glee Club, conducted by Prof. David Morrow has performed in numerous locations throughout the country. The glee club's recent accomplishments include being selected to perform at the dedication of the new Martin Luther King bust in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

Seating capacity for this event is limited so tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. Mail orders will be accepted until March 9, 1990 by

sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and payment to: United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. Checks should be made payable to United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield.

St. Mark's celebrates groundbreaking

Two years after a fire that nearly destroyed the St. Mark's A.M.E. church building, the St. Mark's family will celebrate their groundbreaking for a new edifice Saturday, March 10, 1990. The Public is welcome to come celebrate this joyous occasion with them. Services will begin 10:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, Walnut and Lincoln Ave., Cranford, N.J. Lunch will be served. The new church, will be built at 88 High Street, Cranford the same site of the previous church.

Remembering Dr. E. Mae McCarroll

By Connie Woodruff

Dr. E. Mae McCarroll retired as a physician who had tended to the health needs of New Yorkers for 50 years, several years ago, moving to Miami to enjoy the rest of her life.

That life came to an end last week when Dr. McCarroll died in a North Miami Nursing Center at age 93.

The woman who was to become a mainstay in New Jersey professional circles, had a zeal for life that was infectious but would be the first to say, "I did it my way and now it's time to go."

When Dr. McCarroll moved to Newark from Philadelphia where she had established her first private practice, she was something of a phenomenon to the people on Hillside Avenue, where she hung out a shingle that outlined many of the patients she served and the babies she delivered.

She was young and beautiful and looked more like a beauty queen than a doctor. It was also 1928 and women were considerably less liberated than they are in the 1990s.

But Mae McCarroll was not only a serious physician, but one perturbed about health conditions among "Negroes" in the city where she confronted an alarming growth in venereal disease simultaneous with settling in as a neighborhood physician.

She quickly affiliated herself with the old Newark City Hospital, becoming the first Black woman doctor on staff and just as quickly began assessing her options to bring gonorrhea and syphilis under reasonable control.

Her campaign from door-to-door, figuratively, is part of Newark's history among minority health needs. She was young, brash, serious and deeply concerned for future generations and did not hesitate to talk about venereal disease when others only whispered the dreaded names.

In addition to her affiliation with what is now University Hospital for many years, the courageous doctor also served as a clinical physician with the Child Hygiene and Venereal Disease bureaus of the Newark Health Department.



Filmmaker Spike Lee, guest of the Newark Public Library, fields questions on film making and the themes of his movies depicting the black experience before a standing room only audience. Lee was joined by cinematographer Ernest Dickerson and Dickerson's mother, Jackie, who works in the library's video room.

Photo by Glen Frieson

The Hackin-McCarroll Public Health Building at William and Shipman Streets was dedicated to her in 1982.

She was a strong advocate for education and political involvement. With a bachelor's degree from Talla Dega College in Alabama, she advanced to a master's degree in public health from Columbia University and received her medical degree from the Women's College, University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. McCarroll was an avid traveler and made pilgrimages to African countries long before it became the "in thing" for American blacks. Those trips which she made with her deceased husband, Bob Hunter, a longtime professional with the Howard Bank in Newark, were the most pleasant and informative times of my life. The trips were often turned into a "bushman's holiday" for the doctor who admitted a "fascination" with "primitive but effective" diagnosis and treatment of untrained medical in villages and the bush country of rural sections on the continent.

Nor did Dr. McCarroll shirk her civic responsibilities where she often interacted with patients and families as a member of the board of directors of the Newark branch NAACP, Essex County Urban League, Planned Parenthood, Medical Assn. of Essex County, the American Public Health Assn., the American Venereal Disease Assn., Fuld Neighborhood House and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

She was a native born Alabamian from Birmingham who never lost her soft, low-keyed drawl and was fiercely proud of her southern heritage. When she moved from Newark in 1977, she said with a chuckle, "I'm not moving away from Newark, I'm just returning to my roots." And indeed her annual visits to her adopted city were a delight for all who knew her.

She is survived by her brother, Edward of Miami, a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mallory and three nieces, Julia Baxter Bates of Brooklyn, Louise Baxter Fields of Montclair and Eleanor Stoller of Rahway.

Willie Wells Ensemble hosts luncheon

The Willie Wells Ensemble will be giving a "100 Christians In White" Luncheon on Sunday, March 10, 1990. The luncheon is being held at the Second Moccasin Baptist Church, in Elizabeth, NJ at 12 noon.

The Ensemble will be celebrating their 2nd Annual luncheon.

Guest speaker will be Evangelist Thelma Hodges of New Ephesus Baptist Church, East Orange and the Talmadge Chorus of Philadelphia.

All those interested in joining in this celebration should call 527-9077.

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The NJ division of the Newark Public Library now open on Sunday

The New Jersey Division of The Newark Public Library will now be open on Sundays. The new hours conform with those of the rest of the Main Library: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9-5; Tuesday and Friday, 9-5:30; Saturday, 9-5; and Sunday, 1-5.

The New Jersey Division, located on the third floor of the Main Library on Washington Street, is one of the major research-level divisions of the Library with a large book collection devoted to materials of New Jersey interest: monographs, reports, biographies, periodicals, New Jersey fiction, and graduate studies.

In addition, the New Jersey Division contains a vertical file

for major New Jersey and Newark Newspapers, newspapers on microfilm, and the newly microfilmed morgue collection of the Newark Evening News.

There is a unique picture collection in the division, as well as a document collection, a New Jersey archives and manuscript collection and indexes to other special collections.

Finally, the New Jersey Division is an official depository for New Jersey state government documents. It contains, as well, atlases and maps for the state, its regions, and municipalities.

The new Sunday hours will permit an even greater use of these very valuable materials.

For further information call 733-7775.

Newark Day Care celebrates Black History Month



Enjoying the program are (foreground back) Calvin Dwanyer on knee of Donna Johnson, Aminah DuPree on the knee of Ruby Marshall and Vanera Frye on the knee of Modlan Simms

CITY FIT

Manners: 50 percent common sense

GREAT FALLS (AP)—Manners are 50 percent common sense and the other 50 percent, etiquette expert Letitia Baldridge said.

People with good manners show they care about other people, she said.

She told more than 300 people that young people often are

turned off by etiquette, saying: "Oh, that's starchy and that's stuffy and that's elitist."

However, she said, tradition has its value. For many American family dinner at least got the entire family together.

Parents were able to learn what their children did during the day, and children were able to

hear what was on the minds of their parents. This "cross-fertilization," in which children learned values from their parents, is falling victim to fast-paced modern life, she said.

Some parents in smaller towns still have family dinners, but the practice in urban areas is dying, she said. She urged mem-

bers of the audience to try to preserve that practice.

During the talk, Baldridge: —Bemoaned the inability of many people to carry on a conversation. These days, many people spend all day working at a computer terminal, then go home and spend much of the evening staring at a television set, she

said.

—Blasted people who use the so-called "cell waiting" feature, in which they put someone on hold while they answer another call. Baldridge said she is inclined to hang up on them.

—Suggested people who are living together may be introduced simply as friends. "You don't

have to say, with whom you are shackled up," she said.

Baldridge has written 11 published books, including her latest, "Letitia Baldridge's Complete Guide to the New Manners for the '90s."

chic...

by J. Lynn Johnson

Now you don't have to be Florence Griffith Joyner to have great nails. It was once thought that manicures were either for the rich and famous or extravagant, but times have changed. Now manicures are as practical as going to get your hair done at the hair salons.

At Hair Design, located in Plainfield, an inexpensive manicure is fast and relaxing. Starting at \$10, the manicure has become a necessity. Nail technician, Bridget Davis-Tobias, says, "It's hard to introduce people to new things." A basic manicure, which includes cuticle maintenance, shaping and the polish of your choice, takes only 30 minutes and not only provides beautiful nails, but it can also boost the spirits.

Davis-Tobias of Hair Design recommends a manicure every week to two weeks. For everyday nail care, she recommends keeping the cuticle (protecting skin, located around the inner edge of the nail) pushed back. This can be achieved in the shower or while washing the hands. She also recommends keeping the nail soft by applying a rich moisturizer often.

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City Chic Introduces...

Theresa Douglass

Height: 5'6"

Weight: 122 lbs.

Occupation: Secretary for Bell Communications Research, Hobbies: modeling and shopping.

Activities and Interests: Board member of Intrigue Modeling Ensemble, a Plainfield High School graduate, Theresa is a part time student majoring in business management at Union County College Plainfield.

Goal: To own a boutique.

Quote: "Business is the basis for everything and we need to know more about business. We need to support each other. We don't do enough of that."

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Photo by Michael A. Williams

Smoking critics blast tobacco marketing tactics

NEW YORK (AP)—The tobacco business is taking a public relations blasting from anti-smoking activists for doing what effective marketers do—identifying potential customers and giving them what they think they want.

"All companies are looking for market niches," said John C. Maxwell Jr., an analyst who follows the tobacco industry for First West Securities in Richmond, Va. "... But some people just don't want people to smoke."

Maxwell was referring to the outcry stirred by news reports that the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. had been considering marketing a new cigarette called Dakota to young women with no more than a high school education.

The plans were outlined in marketing documents being distributed by The Advocacy Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based smoking opponent which said they were intended for Reynolds. Officials declined to say how they were obtained.

Reynolds, based in Winston-Salem, N.C., confirmed that it planned to test Dakota cigarettes in Houston starting in April, but said they were designed for men and women in an effort to compete against Marlboro, the top-selling cigarette from Reynolds' rival Philip Morris USA.

The Dakota disclosure comes only a month after Reynolds cancelled plans to test a menthol cigarette called Uptown that was to have been marketed mainly to blacks. Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and civil rights groups strongly objected to those plans.

Critics said tobacco companies are wrong to target the poor, the young and minorities with products that are believed to cause serious health problems.

Edward Popper, a marketing professor at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., said "these are the groups that are showing the lowest declines in per capita smoking rates."

According to the U.S. Office on Smoking and Health, the percentage of the population over

age 20 that smokes fell to 29.1 percent in 1987 from 40.7 percent in 1966. Among whites, the percentage of smokers fell 30 percent to 28.3 percent; among blacks, the decline was 22 percent to 33.5 percent.

The percentage of men who smoke has fallen much more sharply than women who smoke over the time frame. And among women aged 20-24, the government said the percentage of smokers with some college education dropped 57 percent, while the percentage with no more than high school education dropped about 11 percent.

While there have been a number of recent actions to make smoking off-limits in some public places such as restaurants and airplanes, Maxwell said the groups who criticize the targeting of groups more likely to smoke effectively are "trying to ban a legal product."

The cigarette companies argue that their advertising is aimed at persuading people who smoke to switch to their brands.

But Dr. Ronald Davis, director of the Office on Smoking and Health, said the tobacco industry is "pushing a deadly addictive product on the most vulnerable groups in our society."

The outcry against marketing cigarettes to some groups comes as tobacco companies post increasing profits despite declining sales volume.

Maxwell said cigarette production fell 6 percent to 525 billion units in 1989. He said that number was depressed by a deliberate effort by Reynolds to cut inventories, and estimates that consumption fell by about 2.5 percent to 3 percent last year.

Profits are up, however, because cigarette companies have cut costs and introduced more efficient equipment, he said.

Leonard Lodish, a marketing professor at Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, said that by targeting groups that smoke more often than others the cigarette companies are no different than other marketers.

They are finding out what particular market segments want

and are delivering products to them," he said, adding that "I'm not sure this is the place to draw the line" on whether to outlaw tobacco.

But Philip Wilbur, director of the health advocacy resource center at The Advocacy Institute,

disagreed. "Standard marketing doesn't involve selling a product that is lethal when used as intended," he said.

And he said in the wake of the withdrawal of the Uptown cigarette, society may have "reached a point where they have said 'Enough.'"



FIRST SAFE RIDE — For Damar Andre Bennett, the first child born at Muhlenberg Medical Center in Plainfield during National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week (February 11-17), his first ride home was safe thanks to the New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety. The Florsham Park based Foundation presented Damar and his mother, Daphne Bennett of Plainfield, with a free infant car safety seat prior to leaving the hospital. The Foundation sponsored the program at Muhlenberg and eight other area hospitals to remind new parents to make infant/child safety seats a priority in their new babies' lives. Last year car safety seats prevented approximately 28,000 injuries and 200 deaths among children under age four. Damar was born on February 11.

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'REVENGE'

Deja Vu All Over Again

Critics don't pay for tickets, and some movies are lots of fun to watch if you're seeing them for free. "Revenge" was a thorough flop. The story is so silly, the characters are so lame, the dialogue sounds so much like it was written by someone who never heard real people speak, that you can only shake your head, bite your tongue, and try not to laugh. There's a point about two-thirds through when you realize that the whole audience is biting their tongues along with you.

Film history in the next century could very well study "Revenge" as a model of the grand paradox of Hollywood films of the Eighties and Nineties: lavishly produced, magnificently photographed, skillfully acted twaddle. And it's derivative twaddle, borrowing clumsily from Sixties spaghetti Westerns, Forties film noir, and at least two Brando films ("The Godfather" and "One-Eyed Jacks").

The story (credited, if we can use that word, to Jim Harrison and Jeffrey Fiskin, from Harrison's novel) is about a young fellow who makes the mistake of falling in love and lust with the wife of his good friend, a Mexican Mafia don, prompting the don and his henchmen to do some really mean things to the adulterers. For the don and not knowing what has happened to his lover, the hero, played by Kevin Costner, searches for her and, on the way, hunts down the guys that stomped him.

The film has nothing to do with flying. Why, then, does it open with the awesome stereo rumble and whoosh of fighter jets streaking across the sky, piloted by young, wise-cracking hot shots with cute nicknames printed on their helmets? To remind us that director Tony Scott also directed "Top Gun." At least he starts off imitating himself: it's the most nearly original thing he does.

The shame is that there are enough good things here that you wish they were in a decent movie. The *National Geographic* shots of the Mexican mountains are breathtaking. Costner is, if anything, sexier than ever. (It's a matter not of looks—he's got ugly ears and a weak chin—nor even attitude, but rhythm. Like a good jazz musician, he keeps catching us off-guard, dropping into a new little scene we didn't see.) Anthony Quinn, that old pro, is a joy to watch; he makes every one of the don's scenes deeply satisfying. As The Woman, Madeleine Stowe is certainly lovely, and she becomes, in turn, everything the male-fantasy-fulfillment script requires her to be: innocent daughter, dutiful wife, seductress, lover. Everything, that is, but a person. And once she's had her illicit fling, she's duly punished. Unable to decide which of the two classic plot institutions to toss her into, brothel or convent, the writers opt for both, then conveniently kill her off just in time to spare the hero the embarrassment of a reunion with a woman who's been copulating with scabrous Mexican pistoleros.

The film's contempt for women is matched only by its contempt for any semblance of story integrity. Once upon a time, story problems had to be worked out or a script went onto the trash heap. Now problems are just shrugged off. Example: At the end of the film, the Costner character charms the lady with his impromptu translation of a Spanish poem. Later the script requires him to be completely ignorant of Spanish, and he is. Example B: With the help of two allies that literally show up on his doorstep, both of whom hold murderous grudges against the don, Costner finally gets him cornered. But Costner can't go through with killing his old friend, whose wife, after all, he has stolen. The two allies have no such compunctions. Problem: Does the don die or not? Solution: Cut to the next scene and forget about it.

The problem with this movie—and again it's an extreme case but typical—is that it's got no ideas but lots of concepts. The writers' concept was, let's have a sexy, violent revenge story. The director's concept was, let's make a movie that resembles as many other movies as possible, only more handsomely photographed. The production designer's concept was, let's have lots of smoky air, burning candles, and gauzy curtains waving in the breeze.

Kevin Costner was the executive producer of this glossy mess. He's got to take some responsibility for it.

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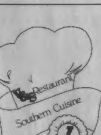
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Auditions for
touring company

PLAINFIELD—Grant Avenue Community Center announces open auditions for a sixteen voice choir to perform in the National Black Touring Circuit's production of the gospel musical *I Have A Dream* during the Kean-Brown Centre Stage 1990 Theatre Season in Plainfield.

The auditions will be held on Saturday, March 3, 1990 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 315 West 7th Street, across the street from the Center on Central Avenue. Anyone age 16 or over who can

sing is welcome to audition. The choir will be comprised of four sopranos, four altos, four tenors and four bass voices. The selection of singers will be made by the Musical Director for *I Have A Dream*, Lee Coward. Coward will also train those selected during a series of six rehearsals prior to the performances.

Coward, a native of Newark, has played professionally for 21 years. He is presently Minister of Music with both the Bethlehem Community Church in East Orange and Smyrna Baptist Church in Newark.

American Premiere at
Plainfield Symphony

The Plainfield Symphony presents the American premiere of a work entitled "Concerto for Brass Trio" by New Jersey Composer, Richard Nanes on Saturday, March 3, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Church. This concert is the third subscription concert of the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra 1989-1990 Subscription Season.

Mr. Nanes, a prolific composer, has had many of his works performed and recorded in Europe, Asia and Canada, but few performances in the United States. His "Concerto for Brass Trio" featured on the March 3rd program has been performed and recorded by the London Philharmonic, as well as performed by the Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra, Japan and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. This is the first U.S. performance.

Mr. Nanes founded and served as Artistic Director of NEW MUSIC NEWARK, a contemporary music festival in

Newark, NJ. He has served as the Composer-in-Residence to New Jersey's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart from 1985 through 1987. In 1985, he was named Composer-in-Residence and Artistic Director to the Summer Music Festival, "Shore Festival Classics", at Ocean City, NJ.

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Althea Gibson This person found 300 ways to use the peanut.

Marian Anderson This person was the first African American to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Lorraine Hansberry This person is a world famous opera singer and performed at the Metropolitan and baseball teams." James said.

George Washington Carver This person published a newspaper speaking out against slavery called the North Star."

Answers to last week's Word Scramble

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Spring
Wind
Rain

Flowers
Sunshine
Lamb
Lion

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Youthful mayor

traveled on to Washington D.C. for the national contest, where he met President George Bush.

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During his day as Mayor, Rouse attended a taping with James, sat in on a business meeting and travelled around City Hall meeting people. According to Rouse, "it was a lot of fun."

Felix is quite a young man

and very well rounded for a 16 year old. He has a 3.5 grade point average, he's on the basketball and baseball teams." James said.

Rouse is the vice-president of the Keystone Club (at the Boy's Club) which provides community service to senior citizen homes. He has been an AIDS Awareness leader and is a trained literacy campaign tutor. Rouse also owns his own business selling comic

books and posters, has played in numerous basketball leagues, and still finds time to work at McDonald's.

Planning to attend Morehouse University in Atlanta, and to go on to law school, Rouse is an honor roll student with high aspirations. "I would like to eventually teach law and possibly go into politics," he said. "If I make it to be Mayor one day, that will be great!"

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Clifford Scott-Shabazz II could happen Monday in sectional final

A VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

by Fern Taylor
City News Writer

Among all the tales of NCAA allegations, recruiting violations, accusations and simple greed (see Notre Dame football and its own million dollar TV contract) that cast a never-ending cloud of controversy over the NCAA and its member schools, especially in Division I, it is nice to hear many schools continue to operate with style and class. Coach James Bailey of Plainfield has seen the University of Virginia set just that way this season. Granted, Bailey happens to coach senior guard Derrick Johnson, a quick guard with a smooth jumper and a 21.9 point per game average, who is on his way to UVA on a basketball scholarship. You would expect them to at least be nice.

Yet UVA has become a big part of Plainfield Cardinal basketball this year. Members of the coaching staff have been in the stands. Telegrams from the Cavalier athletic conference have come wishing the Cardinals well before the Christmas tournament, the Union County Tournament, and now the state tournament.

Usually, after a school has landed a top recruit, "you don't hear from them until the spring," Bailey joked. But this season, the University of Virginia has been as much as a part of the Cardinal's season as the student body.

"We find ourselves rooting as much for UVA as we are for the Cardinals, because they are right in the thick of things in the ACC," he said. Their wish, because one of our kids is with them. It's really interesting to see how they operate. It's class all the way. They just want to make sure that kids remain focused.

"The coaching staff from the university are constantly in touch with us," he added. "Coach (Craig) Littlepage (former Rutgers coach) was in the gym this past Saturday. All of the coaches have been extremely supportive. Everything that they've done has been done with class. It's a first class program. Bailey sees Johnson stepping right in next year and doing well, especially since the Cavaliers can use a guard like Johnson."

"You can tell by looking at them that they need a little guard help," he said.

Cavalier junior guard John Crotty of Christian Brothers Academy in Lincoln is the star now, and could be someone Johnson could learn from.

"Derrick is probably quicker than Crotty is, but Crotty is one kid who's not gonna be denied. The whole conference knows that he's going to be coming at you with all he has."

Littlepage and the rest of the staff help to re-enforcing a lot of the things that both teams - Plainfield High and Virginia, do similarly. Mostly, they have been teaching Johnson to remain focused.

"After you land a big scholarship, you have a tendency to relax, said Bailey. "They just let the kids understand what's at stake."

If you want to check out a few brothers who are giving something back to the community, take a look at MANetC (Minority Athletic Networking). MANetC is a group founded by former Giant players Terry Jackson, George Martin and Ron Johnson and Terry Jackson. Its primary focus is to assist disadvantaged and underprivileged youths by serving as role models, liaisons and business contacts for the kids, and to provide them with valuable experiences in networking.

The group recently sponsored a Black History Month program at Fairleigh Dickinson University on the topic "Black Athletes: Myths and Realities". A video tape of this conference can be made available by calling the MANetC office in Hasbrouck Heights.

Coach Greg Tynes and his Clifford Scott basketball squad from East Orange want another shot at Newark's Malcolm X Shabazz. They may get their chance real soon.

Scott and Shabazz are seeded #1 and #2 in North Jersey Group 3, Section 2 in the state playoff tournament. If they both should survive their preliminary round games this week, Scott-Shabazz II will take place in the sectional championship on Monday.

The first battle between the two Essex County powerhouse took place Saturday at Essex County College, with Shabazz

eking out a 59-57 win. Tynes' junior-sophomore dominated team came back from a 16-point deficit to tie the score at 57 before going down to defeat.

"I think we were a little tight in the beginning, but I was pleased with the second half, the way we came back," said Tynes. "It showed a lot of character."

"They are an experienced ball club," he said of coach Lou Grimsley's crew. "I guess experience was really the key. Four of their guys played in this (championship) game last year. We lost our top seven guys from

last year and still played well."

If Scott is to be more successful, they will have to do a better job against Darryl Tuttle and Eric Williams. The 6-7/6-6 duo combined for 50 points, 29 rebounds and 10 blocks and several awe-inspiring, crowd-pleasing moves in the championship game. Point guard Keith Roberts scored 22 points and did a solid job running the squad.

Since Clifford Scott had a better record than Shabazz at the NJIAA cut off date for playoff qualification, they received the top seed and an easier path to the

championship. Mount Olive (18-6), Parsippany Hills (19-5) and West Morris (18-9) are good teams, but Scott (23-2) looks stronger. Second-seeded Shabazz (24-2) is looking at a possible semifinal matchup against #3 Linden (21-4) Friday night.

Tynes is definitely not shying away from meeting their Essex County rival again.

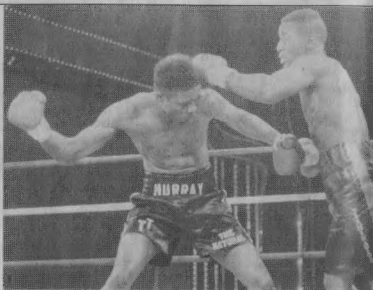
"We're hoping that we win our two games and Shabazz wins their two games so we can meet Monday night," he said.

If both make it, Scott-Shabazz II could be a classic.

Payne:

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Payne said that he intends to use his position on the House Education and Labor Committee to fight for a greater emphasis on improving educational and job training opportunities for inner city youth. The Tenth District Congressman introduced legislation in the House of Representatives last year to enhance opportunities for urban students by establishing model high schools called Community Education Employment Centers. An identical measure was introduced in the Senate by Senator Frank Lautenberg.



Charles Murray of Newark's Triple Threat Gym gets a wide open shot at C.J. Duffy's ribs during a recent junior welterweight fight in Atlantic City. Murray (11-0, 16 K.O's) won a 10 round decision. Photo by Ray Bailey

Release of State Police records

"Can you think of an issue any more serious?" he asked. "Doesn't it attack the very integrity, the very credibility of law enforcement?"

With complaints of racially inspired abuse of turnpike motorists mounting, and with eight troopers under indictment on charges connected with the handling of suspects on the turnpike, the judge said he was eager to see the matter resolved.

"It ratifies all of law enforcement as well as it's hanging around," he said.

If Nicola orders the state police statistics turned over next month, it could throw in doubt about 150 other cases in which defendants are seeking suppression of evidence gathered after turnpike stops they claim were racially motivated.

Assistant Deputy Public Defender Walter Marvin, who is representing Jones, said Nicola's ruling cleared the way for presentation of evidence that could

clinch the racial bias contention. The public defender's office, with help from a Rutgers University statistics professor, has already collected its own data showing blacks are far more likely than whites to be stopped and arrested on the turnpike.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other groups claim the high incidence of arrests and stops of blacks are the result of a calculated "racial profile" used to determine which turnpike motorists are most likely to possess drugs.

State police under the administration of Superintendent Col. Clinton Fagnano have outright denied a racial bias.

But Gov. Jim Florio's new appointee to the post, Col. Justin Dintino, said in an interview Thursday that racism was "possible."

In court Friday, Fahy argued that an officer's state of mind had no bearing on the case and was

beyond a court's ability to determine.

But Marvin argued the statistics would furnish the best answers to questions about racial discrimination in choosing which motorists to stop.

"We have a right to find out (the racial patterns in stops and arrests), and we can only find that out by consulting the records of the state police," Marvin said.

The information sought by Marvin includes state police logs and other records from 20 randomly selected days during the 30-month period from January 1987 to June 1989. The inquiry focuses on the territory covered by the state police East Brunswick barracks, from Exit 7A near Hightstown to Exit 12 at Cateret.

The partial data obtained by the public defender's office - which will be presented at the March hearing - found blacks are 10 times more likely than whites to be stopped on the turnpike.

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civil rights activist; jazz musician Louis Armstrong; gospel singer Mahalia Jackson; former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young; Jewell Prestage, the first black to receive a political science degree in the nation; Dorothy Taylor, a New Orleans councilwoman who was the first black woman elected to the state Legislature.

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